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DEVELOPING A SCENIC HIGHWAY.

Honolulu has in the making some remarkably fine tourist assets. Perhaps not ten per cent of the residents of this city realize with what rapidity a fine scenic highway system is being developed. We hear so much controversy over pavements and grades and local assessments and other matters municipal that we are apt to lose sight of the steady progress being made through all the supervisory disputes and debates.

The early completion of the Roundtop road, with its connection with the familiar Tantalus road will give the city a scenic highway of which any spot in the world might well be glad to boast. Up the little-known Kalihiki valley a beautiful drive is being developed. Plans are on foot by the territory to use prison labor on Diamond Head road and make this what it should be—a close-to-the-city boulevard suitable for a drive any afternoon or evening and as much a delight to the chance visitor as the Pali drive is now.

Another boulevard just as readily accessible and so close to the downtown section as to be within walking distance for those inclined to brisk exercise has been constructed on the slopes of Punchbowl that overlook the harbor and the sea.

Many miles of scenic roadway are being made available to motorists. Yet there are mountainsides untouched and treasure-houses of scenery unlocked, waiting the future. One of the satisfactory things about Honolulu as a tourist city is that much of its possibilities are in the future. It remains for a progressive people to realize upon them.

GETTING GOOD MEN INTO OFFICE.

Opponents of the "short ballot" form of city government have put forth an argument that is childlike in its naivete. They say that the form of government doesn't matter much—that the necessary thing is to elect good men to office.

As some of the spokesmen for this position are disappointed office-seekers, their objections may perhaps be explainable upon the ground of chagrin. But in addition the argument itself shows peculiarly well how little those who use it have studied the "short ballot" system in theory or practice. It is to make it easier for the average voter to choose good men, and to encourage good men to offer themselves as candidates, that the short ballot system has been applied in American cities.

Thus those who say that the main thing is to elect good men to office, and who simultaneously oppose the short ballot system, are trying to hold two irreconcilable positions. Their logic is conspicuous by its absence.

The short ballot system aids in getting good men into city office because it places strong, definite and constructive powers under the control of the elective officers, and puts a premium on ability, loyalty, energy and alertness in the appointive offices.

It strikes at the foundation of the discredited system which puts bad men into office—the system of exchanging votes for jobs, the patronage system.

It frees the elective offices from the control of political bosses—and thus encourages independent-minded men to offer themselves as candidates.

It frees the appointive offices from the control of political bosses—and thus encourages independent-minded men to enter the city's employ with the assurance that if they "make good" they can stay.

Honolulu has elected many good men to office, and in private conversation not a few of them have again and again complained that they were hampered in freedom of action and in clean-cut work by a situation largely due to the present charter.

Of course no system will work by and of itself. Of course good men are necessary to get the best results from government. That is a truism so well known that it is trite. Those who keep on repeating it add about as much to the sum total of human knowledge as a man who remarks that it is a fine day. The thing is self-evident. The logical step is to create a government system which aids instead of hampers getting good men into politics and into city offices. The "short-ballot" system has done this with notable success elsewhere. That is why its advocates believe it would help matters here.

President Wilson is now perhaps our most distinguished apostle of "Safety First."

KUROPATKIN.

Only a reversal of public opinion amounting to an upheaval can explain the fact that Gen. Kuropatkin has been placed in high command of Russian armies, if it is a fact. This officer was thoroughly disgraced by his defeats in the Russo-Japanese war. The Manchurian campaign, it has generally been thought by observers, forever removed him from high responsibility, even though many war critics said that internal friction among his generals and his enforced subordination to the command of the Russian viceroy in the Far East, an admiral, Alexiev, were the causes of his failure.

In his history of the war, Kuropatkin spoke with utmost frankness of his mistakes and praised his troops highly.

After the defeat at Mukden and the retirement of the entire Russian army to Tieling, Gen. Kuropatkin resigned the command to Gen. Linevitch, taking the latter's place at the head of one of the three armies in Manchuria.

Gen. Kuropatkin, who was born in 1848, entered the army at the age of 16. In the war of 1877-78 against Turkey he earned a great reputation. In 1882 he was made a major-general at the age of 34. Eight years later he became a lieutenant-general, and in 1903, having acquired in peace and war the reputation of being one of the foremost soldiers in Europe, he quitted the post of minister of war, which he then held, and took command of the Russian army then gathering in Manchuria for the contest with Japan.

INCREASING RATE OF WAR EXPENSES.

Statisticians computed in the middle of September a daily cost of the war of \$90,000,000. This is a daily expenditure nearly three times as great as was reported in the first months of the war, and whether it be approximately correct or not, it is certainly true that the wastage of the great conflict is going on at a frightfully accelerated rate. The public debts of the belligerent countries have already increased by the stupendous total of \$18,000,000,000 since August of last year. Not only Great Britain and France, but Russia and Italy as well are preparing to make new loans which will add further to the sum of national indebtedness. It is thought that if the war should continue a year longer, Great Britain and France will need to borrow from America a very much larger sum than the half billion or billion dollars now involved, the most careful students of the situation predicting that at least two billion dollars must be loaned from this country.—From "The Progress of the World," in the American Review of Reviews for October.

"ON GETTING ACQUAINTED."

"The real secret of salesmanship is here. We can't create a market for anything from groceries to Christianity until we get acquainted. If we know folks, it gives us a chance to enlarge our influence and market."

This extract from the first sermon of the new pastor of the First Methodist church, Rev. L. L. Loofbourrow, will make most of us feel that we want to be better acquainted with him and his work.

THAT'S IT.

What is needed most of all in charter revision is provision whereby the "good men" we elect will not be wasted in a governmental system that hampers individually by so diffusing responsibility and authority that very little can be done.—The Advertiser.

Our morning contemporary is correct. And the "short-ballot" system is the system which centers instead of diffuses responsibility.

Perjury before local courts and tribunals appears to be held lightly in Honolulu, at least in some quarters. A few examples made of perjurers would eliminate this contempt for law.

So far as Hawaii is concerned the Great Northern will help materially in keeping the American flag flying on the Pacific.

If Gen. Villa's life is insured, these busy little rumors must be rather disquieting to the insurance company.

Much to Carranza's chagrin, the reports of Villa's death are proving considerably exaggerated.

Now the belligerents are disputing over the relative deadliness of their poisoned gases.

Letters OF THE WEEK

A FILIPINO PAPER.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.
Sir: A bit of news has appeared in the papers that a Filipino newspaper will be published in Honolulu some time in the near future, and that the paper will be edited by Mr. Pablo Manlapit, president of the Filipino Laborers' Association of Hawaii, and that "the aim of the paper will be to uplift the Filipinos and teach them their relation to the United States as citizens and harmony with the residents of Hawaii."

Now of course we don't question the ability of Mr. Manlapit to edit a paper, and perhaps what this gentleman does not know about editing a paper will fill a library. Neither do we question his intelligence which he manifests now and then in thunders of eloquent oratory. And as president of the Filipino Laborers' Association of Hawaii, which exists only nominally, perhaps he could really edit a paper.

But we are rather inquisitive and ask as to the real aim of the said paper. To uplift the Filipinos? This we don't quite comprehend. And we should like to have a little light on the matter.

Once upon a time there was a news paper published in this part of our terrestrial abode and it had for its aim this: To uplift the Filipinos and teach them their relation to the United States as citizens and harmony with the residents of Hawaii. What a noble aim. We shouted, "Hurrah!" It was edited by some more of these

noble "uplifters." And we never in the whole wide world questioned their ability. But when it came out this is what we found: It told us where we could have a good hair cut for the small sum of two-bits; where we could have our shoes shined by an expert native for a dime; where we could buy a good suit—the latest fashion—for ten "bones"; and so on until we found out that if we really went in all these places we would come out a good-looking hump. And then to continue the music, there were several original poems, don-cher-know. No, we have no objections against the innocent poems, and they may be all right, but again we may just ask if a Filipino laborer would recognize a poem if it was put before him with the most powerful microscope? And again we never questioned the ability of the authors whose powerful imagination never penetrated the thickness of their own dome.

And the Filipinos really learned a good deal. Some took advantage of the information as to where to get a new pair of shoes, hats, suits, etc., but it happened that they had no pecuniary, and so they rushed in the scenes and as a result many of them are in jail and there they are learning "their relation to the United States as citizens and harmony with the residents of Hawaii." What a noble aim!

Well, we wish the future editor success. He may be counted among the immortals who have accomplished the impossible.

A VISAYAN.

ISHII FAMILIAR WITH DIPLOMACY OF MANY NATIONS

Japan's New Foreign Minister Has Had Long and Successful Career Abroad

Baron Kikujiro Ishii, who succeeded Baron Kato as Japan's foreign minister a few days ago, is a self-made man and attained his present position by dint of hard study and patient work.

He was graduated with honors from the law college of the Imperial Tokyo university in 1889, and the following year was ordered to France, being appointed diplomatic attaché to the legation (now embassy) in Paris, later being sent as consul to Chemulpo, which post he occupied for a short period.

During the Boxer trouble of 1900, he was in Peking as secretary of legation under Minister Nani, and afterwards was made chief of the section of telegraphs and then director of the bureau of commercial affairs in the foreign office.

In 1908 he was promoted to the position of vice minister of the department under the late Count Hayashi, the then foreign minister, remaining at the post under the late Marquis Komura and Viscount Uchida.

In August, 1909, he was created baron in recognition of his meritorious services in connection with the annexation of Korea and the revision of commercial treaties with the powers, and in 1912 he was appointed ambassador to France. Baron Motono, ambassador to Petrograd, Baron Hayashi, ambassador to Rome, and Viscount Chinda, ambassador to Washington, are all senior to Baron Ishii.

GENERAL CARTER WILL SUGGEST HOW TO MAKE SOLDIERS CONTENTED

Major-General William H. Carter will make a short address tomorrow night at the Hawaiian Opera House, taking for his subject, "The Army in Oahu." In the course of his address General Carter will probably discuss the subject in which he is deeply interested—what can be done to make the soldier's life pleasant?

General Carter planned Army Night with the object of securing funds to add to the 10-000 volume collection of books at Schofield Barracks 600 more books, and to make them all available to the men at the post. Moving pictures of troops on Oahu, and a number of other interesting features are a part of the program. The entertainment will be of great interest to both civilians and soldiers.

Bulgarian reservists from all over the country, who have flocked to New York to sail for Bulgaria to join the army, are unable to get passage. Steamship companies will not take the risk of being held up by the Allied warships.

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FURNISHED		
Lunalilo St.	3 bedrooms	\$55.00
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Central Ave., Kaimuki	2 "	25.00
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SERVICEABLE SUIT OF CLOTHES IS NEEDED

A particularly needy case has come to the attention of the Star-Bulletin—a prisoner soon to be released for whom it is desirable to get a serviceable suit of clothes—clothes such as many Honoluluans discard. The size is medium. Anyone who will fill this need kindly leave the suit at the Star-Bulletin office, Alahea street.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP SERVICES DRAW BIG CROWDS ON SUNDAY

Four special services on "Good Citizenship" were held yesterday in various parts of the city, as previously arranged by Paul Steel, educational secretary of citizenship work at the Y. M. C. A.

All of the services except those of the Japanese were held at 3.30 in the evening. At Centrol Union Dr. J. W. Wadman and R. E. Lambert addressed the audience, at the Methodist church Rev. David C. Peters and Paul Steel, and at the Christian church C. H. Dickey and L. R. Killiam. S. Sheba, editor of the Hawaii Shipo, had charge of the afternoon meeting at the Japanese Y. M. C. A. At all the meetings there was a large attendance.

FATHER OF HEIRESS STOPS ELOPEMENT WITH BEACH GUARD

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—Sofia Boling, 17, an heiress of Tulsa, Okla., living at Ocean Park, and Thomas Mareno, 25, a Venice lifeguard, were detained at Santa Ana when they appeared for a marriage license, on the order of the girl's father, W. F. Boling. The elopement and detention followed a stormy courtship in which Boling, objecting to Mareno's attentions to his daughter, forbade him to see her. Miss Boling is said by her father to be of half Indian blood and has an income of \$600 a month from oil wells on the property she owns in the Tulsa, Okla., Indian reservation. Her mother and brother are in Tulsa.

SUPERSTITIOUS PEOPLE

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